

JOHN O. KASA, minister, legislator and tradesman, residing at Wallingford, Iowa, died at Estherville, Iowa, March 20, 1948; born in Norway and came to the United States at the age of seven; grew to manhood upon a farm near Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where he received his education; married Anna Bergeson in 1887 and moved to a farm northwest of Wallingford; four years later was elected a member of the Iowa House of representatives in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly, and at his death his legislative service dated back farther than any former member save one, John A. Storey, who survives from the Twentieth General Assembly; was one of the organizers of the Wallingford town corporation and of the Emmet County Mutual Insurance company; served as a member of the Wallingford town council many years; conducted a foundry and hardware business, as well as an insurance agency; his wife, Anna, died in April, 1945, and he married Christine Hanson in July, 1946; an ordained minister he served as pastor of the Wallingford church and president of Camp 47 of the M.W.A.; survived by his wife and eight children by his first marriage.

WAYNE MOORHEAD ROPES, legislator, war veteran and public official, died July 25, 1948, at Des Moines, Iowa; born at Onawa, Iowa, October 23, 1898, son of Jess L. and Mae Moorhead Ropes; reared in Monona county, graduated from the Onawa high school, attended National Business college at Sioux City and the Hohenshuh-Carpenter College of Embalming at Des Moines; served in the U. S. navy in World War I, and upon receiving his discharge was for a time upon a claim in Wyoming; was chairman of the Monona county Republican committee, and became deputy county auditor on January 2, 1921, serving four years; elected county auditor and served from 1925 to 1933, and was state representative from Monona county in the Forty-eighth General Assembly; elected secretary of state in 1942 serving two terms; married Cora Grapes, of Blencoe, Iowa, on his twenty-second birthday, October 23, 1920, who survives with two children, a daughter, Majayne, and a son John Milton Ropes; a member of the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Eagles orders, the American Legion, a Republican and a member of the Christian church.

ROBERT BRUCE HORSFALL, artist and naturalist, died at Long Branch, New Jersey, at Monmouth Memorial hospital, March 24, 1948, being upon a visit with his brother, Fred W. Horsfall, in Red Bank, New Jersey, until recently having resided at Fairport, New York; born at Clinton, Iowa, October 1, 1868; son of John Tomlin and Anne Buttersby Horsfall; received early education in schools at Clinton, studied in Cincinnati, Art Academy, 1886-89, awarded European scholarship and studied at Art academies in Munich, Germany, and Paris, France, 1889-93; married Carra

Elizabeth Huntting May 27, 1906, who died four years ago, survived by a son, Robert Bruce II, and an adopted son, Robert L. Myers; as an illustrator of backgrounds for natural habitats, first exhibited in Chicago in 1886, also at Chicago World's fair in 1893, and at mid-winter exposition, San Francisco 1893-94; his work often exhibited in national and private museums; from 1904 to 1914 did scientific illustrations for the Princeton Patagonian Report and lived at Princeton University during most of that time; permanent exhibitions of his work appear at the Peabody Museum at Yale University; Ken Scientific Museum, Grand Rapids, Mich.; State Museum, Springfield, Ill., and the Zoological Museum at the University of Minnesota; his Portraits of Dr. William John Sinclair and Alexander H. Phillips are in Guyot Hall at Princeton; a member of the American Ornithologists' Union, Cooper Ornithological Club, Northwest Bird and Mammal Society, American Society of Mammalogists and the American Museum of Natural History, and the author of "Bird and Animal Paintings."

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JESSIE STEWART MILLISACK MERRIAM, wife of former California governor Frank F. Merriam, died at the family home in Long Beach, California, July 13, 1948, after several months illness; born at Albia, Iowa, September 5, 1869, daughter of Edward S. and Mary Elizabeth Cramer Millisack; attended school at Chariton, Iowa; resided there with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Stewart, and upon being confirmed in the Episcopal church took their family name as her middle name; a charter member of Chariton chapter P.E.O. sisterhood for 62 years; married to A. M. Lipsey, a banker in Fowler, Colorado, where they resided prior to removing to Long Beach in 1906; carried on the husband's insurance brokerage and real estate business after his death; married January 25, 1936, to Gov. Frank F. Merriam, also a former Iowan, who served as a member of the Iowa legislature 1896-98, and state auditor 1899-1903, the wedding taking place in the winter home of Judge Ralph H. Clock, Palm Springs, also another marriage for Governor Merriam, whose wife died in 1932.

Mrs. Merriam served for four years as first lady of the state in the governor's mansion at Sacramento, returning with Governor Merriam to Long Beach at the close of his term as the state's chief executive in January 1939, where they have since resided; rendered valuable assistance to the Day Nursery and Naval Chapel in Long Beach, and upon the board of directors of the home for elderly members maintained by the P.E.O. sisterhood at Alhambra; actively worked in many other worthy civic and benevolent enterprises and the Episcopal church; the only surviving relative, other than Governor Merriam, being Mrs. P. L. Harper, a cousin, at Chariton.

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